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New Germany Connections

Autumn 2021

"Welcome"; "Welcome back"; September. These are words that just go together.

September is a month of beginnings and endings. Summer is over, beach season and gardens are winding down, but so much is starting new, starting again.

In the pages of this newsletter you will read about some of the people taking on new jobs in our community, some of the new people who are making our community their home. We are welcoming new adventures and partnerships.

And we greet old friends and activities we haven't had for a year or more with a delight that, yes, we are going to try. While we may not be going all the way back to 2019 😊, we are going to start new grades in school, new jobs for some, new projects and partnerships for others and we will have adventures. They may look different but there is no reason for them to not be fun (and safe).

We say "Welcome" to our community to some and "Welcome back" to others!

Community Events

- Tuesday Afternoons Bookmobile
- Thursday Mornings Community Café
- Friday Afternoons Farmers Market til Thanksgiving
- Sept 19 Fairy Lanterns & Houses
- Sept 25 Breakfast
- Sept 25 Mountain Bike Clinic
- Sept 29 NS Works Pop up
- Oct 1 After School Art
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving
- Oct 16 Red Cross Stay Safe
- Oct 17 Safe Knife & Ax Handling
- Oct 17 Penny Auction
- Oct 18 Apple Pie Day
- Oct 19 Pap Clinic
- Oct 20 4H Registration
- Oct 21 Pumpkin Party
- Oct 31 Halloween

The mission statement of New Germany Area Promotion Society is: "NGAPS will strive to create a sustainable and vibrant community where people and businesses are encouraged to thrive." We will achieve this mission by supporting communications and partnerships both within and outside our community.

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Back to School

Both New Germany Elementary School and New Germany Rural High School have new principals this school year. We have asked each to introduce themselves.



Peta Wagner, Principal NGES

I am so thrilled to be back at New Germany Elementary! I have lived in the community for 30 years with my husband Wendell. Our 2 children, Kaleigh and Emma-Sue, went to both New Germany schools. I recently became a grandmother to Carlie as well.

I spent the last two years as Vice-Principal and Behaviour Support Teacher at North Queens. For 10 years before that I held a regional position managing three Student Information Systems where I was lucky enough to work with many adults at SSRCE schools and the Education and Early Childhood Development.

I taught at New Germany Elementary School for 8 years previous to my regional position and at New Ross Consolidated for 8 years previous to NGES. It is very important for me to develop a strong rapport with students, staff, parents and the community. Students need to develop a strong sense of purpose, belonging and safety and can do this by understanding how they learn, their strengths and how to move forward with their learning. I feel privileged to be part of such a strong team who hold high expectations for their students and themselves. My main focuses will be to build student confidence, make learning enjoyable for students as well as becoming socially/emotionally strong and outdoor learning.



Jessica Fancy-Landry, Principal NGRHS



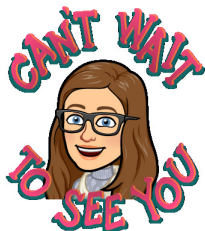
Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I have become a member of the NGRHS Community! I am honoured to embark upon my role as Principal of NGRHS and am looking forward to assisting our staff with our transition back to school.

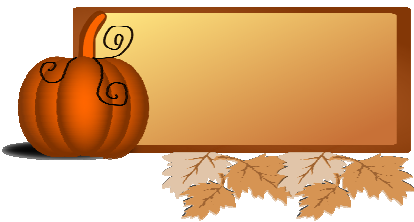
I have lived most of my life on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, growing in up Caledonia on a farm, participating in school activities, 4-H, and anything community oriented. I started my pathway as an educator attending the University of Maine where I become a varsity athletic scholar for both their basketball and cross-country teams. I then went on to finish both my undergraduate and education degrees at Acadia University. I have been an educator since 2008 and now hold two master's degrees from Memorial University (Leadership and Curriculum). For the last two years, I was Vice Principal of Forest Heights Community School, but have served in many schools throughout the SSRCE. I would like to thank Ms. McMullen for her years of service to the school and wish her well as she embarks as principal of Bluenose Academy. I have just recently finished a research thesis entitled, "*Prioritization of Rural Youth in Nova Scotia: Understanding Rural School Success With Policy Gaps*" where I researched current rural school programming reform, rural school success and its priorities, and the extent that educational policy prioritizes rural youth in NS.

I have taught primarily Math and Language Arts in my career, as well as, coaching and volunteering with many extra curriculums such as Basketball, Cross Country, SACs, Student Councils and Breakfast Clubs. I have also been a committee member and service award recipient for many regional and provincial councils such as Science Fairs, RW8 Testing, Techsploration, and Occupational Health and Safety to name a few. My decision to become an administrator and rural school advocate came from a desire to make a positive impact on an entire school community, although my first love in education is the teaching. My door is always open to help support you and I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone in this school community.


Please know that whatever challenges lie ahead of us this year, as we maneuver through this pandemic in our transition back to school, that all partners in education are committed to supporting the well-being and learning of all students in our education system.



Respectively,
Jessica Fancy-Landry
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New Germany Farmers' Market
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Nova Scotia Works School Liaison at New Germany Rural High School

Starting in September, NGRHS will see a new face! Our School Liaison will be in the school:

Helping students:

- Explore labour market information, jobs and careers available now and in the future
- Discover what might interest you
- Find job or volunteer opportunities now that can give you experience
- Learn about tools that help you with your job search
- Access job and career information
- Explore programs that will help you prepare to find the right job for you
- Facilitating "Let's Talk Career" presentations for students and guardians

Other events being held by the School Liaison will include lunch and learn and employer information sessions.

Not a student but interested in job search services and career planning?

Nova Scotia Works will be offering a **Pop-up Event** to meet with job seekers, people thinking about starting their own business or returning to school, or those still deciding their next steps. This event will take place:

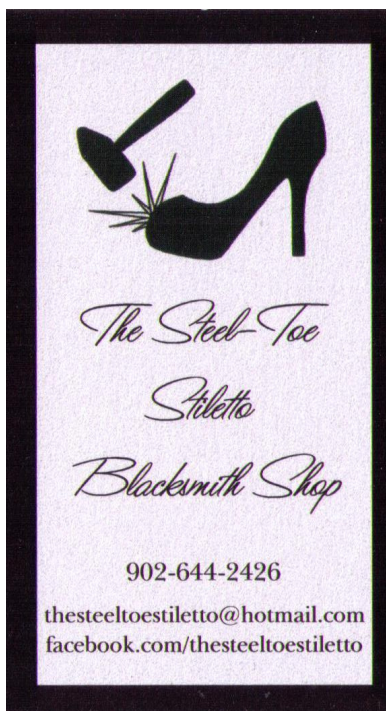
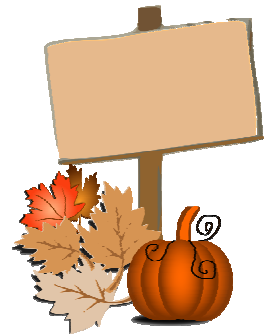
Location: New Germany Legion

Date: September 29th 2021

Time: 10am – 2pm

Have a question?

Learn more about Nova Scotia Works at www.empsolutions.ca or by calling 1-866-711-0411. Our services are available through Lunenburg and Queens Counties.



It is my great honour
to be your new MLA.
Together, we're going
to achieve great things!

Office details, incl. regular hours
in New Germany, to come.

Thank you!
Susan



Susan Corkum-Greek, MLA for Lunenburg

River Ridge Common News

River Ridge Common's popularity continues to grow and the park is growing to match. The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is adding new facilities to the park through the late summer and autumn 2021.

The second phase of singletrack trail development is about to get underway with the aim of adding almost seven kilometres of new trail to the existing trail network for all-season use by walkers, runners, hikers, mountain bikers and snowshoers.

The Off-Highway Vehicle parking and picnic area next to the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail is next on the list for development in the near future. This site will feature new picnic spots and an edible forest planted fringe.

The Municipality is also currently working on a design to add more parking spaces to the Highway 10 parking area, with the aim of constructing new spaces this year.

River Ridge Common continues to be a great place for safe outdoor community activities and healthy living during the time of COVID-19 and we give thanks to the locals and visitors alike who have been out enjoying our park safely and responsibly.



*Walking a trail in River Ridge Common?
Needing a bit of a break?*

You might arrive at this beautiful double bench placed in the park in memory of Everette and Helen Slauenwhite by their family.

Penny Auction

The North River Community Hall
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Draw will take place at 2pm.

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New Germany Legion



Hey – it’s a little friendly wave from one of your nonprofit community organizations – the Legion!

Did you know the Legion has been around for so long, most people forget why it’s here? The Legion was officially founded in Canada in 1925, but we didn’t break ground here in New Germany until the 1950’s. The Royal Canadian Legion is a

non-profit Canadian ex-service organization. Membership includes people who have served as military, RCMP, provincial and municipal police, Royal Canadian Air, Army and Sea Cadets, direct relatives of members and affiliated members.

The Legion is here to honour those who sacrificed for our country and to provide essential services within our communities.

Our Legion has 140 or so members, with about 30 of them being actively involved on an event and volunteer basis. We are changing our hours for fall, opening every Friday and Sunday. During Covid, with the help of our President’s wife Hester, we hosted an online trivia night every Saturday. Now we host it monthly at the Legion! One Friday a month we all gather and try and outsmart each team for champion bragging rights.

We value our members and the community. Without the support of everyone during Covid we may have faced what a lot of non profit and small businesses faced, closing. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a member or to volunteer to reach out, youth included.

Events are open to everyone, you do need to be signed in but if you would like to participate just message us on Facebook or 644-2320 and we can make that happen for you. On a regular basis we offer: 2 pool tables, several decks of cards, Crokinole, board games – family friendly. We also have darts, with up to 10 boards. We have washer toss that you can play outside in our beer patio section. Yes we have a beer patio! We have a 62 inch flat screen TV usually showing the latest sports, news or movies. And last but not least we have friendly faces and good conversation.

Stay tuned to our line up for fall/winter, with hopefully some more Trivia nights, a breakfast September 25th, a Halloween Dance, and the craft market just to name a few and of course our Remembrance Day events. Come hang out!

Welcome Back Livewires

We are excited to inform you that Lunenburg County Council has made the decision to reopen 4-H for 2021-2022, with the plan to move forward with in-person meetings. That means we are inviting new and former members to come to our registration and information night which will be held on October 20th from 6-8 pm. We will be holding our registration at the Parkdale Maplewood Hall.

Monthly general meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 pm. Project meetings are held on various dates and locations. Your leaders will make arrangements. Livewires 4H is for members 9-21. Don’t fit that age bracket? How about trying Cloverbuds which is for members 7-8. We offer many projects which will be talked about at our information night. Cost for our yearly registration is \$50 per member. This helps pay provincial and county costs as well as hall rental.

Please contact Terri Foster - General Leader if you have any questions.

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Congratulations



Amy with students of Centre scolaire de la rive sud releasing trout fry.
Photo - Scherri Olivella

To Stanburne resident Amy Weston.

Amy was recently nominated and awarded a 2021 Water's Next Award in the category **People: Non-Government Leader.**

Water Canada is a "national magazine dedicated to water quality and stewardship in Canada."

Water Canada's Water's Next award happens yearly and it honours individuals and companies working to make a positive change

in the water industry.

Amy has successfully led the Nova Scotia Salmon Association Adopt a Steam program helping community volunteer groups to improve and protect wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers throughout the province.



Volunteers from communities around the area have completed painting the exterior of the New Germany & Area Medical Centre. Thank you to all involved.

Save the Date...

Unbridled



Country Christmas Market Day

Saturday November 13th 10-3

Follow us on FB for more details!

Art After School

Union Square Community Hall
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October 19th

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A message from your Health
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What's at the Museum?

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Training for Healthcare Providers

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- *First Aid + CPR
- *Critical Incident Stress Debriefing/Defusing
- *W.H.M.I.S. 1988 & W.H.M.I.S. 2015/GHS
- *Non-Aversive Behavior Management
- *Individual Program Planning (I.P.P.)
- *Crisis Intervention Training
- *Medication Awareness
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- *First Aid + CPR- Emergency, Standard & Marine
- *WHMIS 1988 & W.H.M.I.S. 2015/GHS
- *Principles of Loss Control
- *Accident & Incident Investigations
- *Hazardous Identification & Control
- *Safety Audits (Internal/External)
- *Industrial Hearing Testing
- *Fall Protection
- *Confined Space
- *Lockout/Tagout
- *Fire Safety



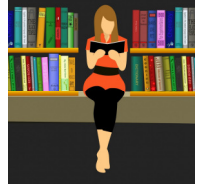
South Shore Public Libraries

SSPL's new bookmobile is on the road!

Right away patrons of the new bookmobile are enjoying easier access to the bookmobile with its lower, wider steps. This bookmobile is also wheelchair friendly. It is a bright, well lit space, with both LED lights and natural light.

Librarian Crystal and driver Dave were excited to point out all the nifty features of the new bookmobile, custom crafted for SSPL by Intercontinental Truck and Body, based in Coaldale, Alberta, only one of two bookmobiles operating in Nova Scotia.

The bookmobile was stocked with shiny new books, DVDs, magazines, audiobooks and more, for all ages, so exciting for any user. The bookmobile spends Tuesday afternoons in our area. Check them out, a library card is free and so is using the bookmobile.



South Shore Public Libraries Mobile Library

Barss Corner @ Mader's General Store
from 1:45 to 2:15pm and **New Germany**
@ Rosedale New Horizons Club 3:00 to
5:30pm every Tuesday.

<https://www.southshorepubliclibraries.ca>



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Reconnecting with Trudy Johnson and Doug Masters

Near the beginning of the school year in 1987 an older gentleman phoned New Germany Rural High and asked to speak with the new Vice Principal. He said, "There's something I want to know...How a little woman like you is going to handle those big boys?" Trudy Johnson answered, "I plan to handle those big boys the same way I plan to handle those girls." The caller seemed satisfied. Shortly after that some of those big boys seemed to indicate their approval when they noticed she drove a Toyota 4x4.

Ms Johnson spent a busy and productive three years ('87-90) at NGRHS handling those big boys as well as those girls as the high school's first female administrator serving as Vice Principal; Acting Principal; Vice Principal. Thirty plus years later she still speaks very well of the welcoming community, supportive and fun-loving staff (she has stories to tell of some- then young mischievous staff – but not here, not now!), and the generally positive, caring and hardworking students (probably a few stories there, too). While she was fully involved in all aspects of student life she was particularly attentive to students who struggled with academic or personal issues. She was instrumental in developing study skills programs in junior high and in arranging extra supports for students as they transitioned from elementary school into junior high. The tradition of a special 'Awards Night' in June to recognize student achievements was also established.



Outside of school, Trudy, who was the parent of two adopted preschool children, helped organize support for adoptive parents. She was a very helpful sounding board for me with our adopted family of three school aged children who then became junior high students while she was at NGRHS.

From New Germany Trudy went on to the position of vice principal and then principal at Park View and then to work at the School Board Office. After retirement in 2008 she continued to do part-time and contract work in a variety of school related fields.

Meanwhile, down the hill at New Germany Elementary School, lots of good things were happening. That school had originally been built as the High School opening in 1954 and then 10 years later was renovated and re-opened as the elementary school when the small community schools were consolidated. Mrs. Lillian Aldhouse, the first principal, set the tone for an innovative school and when she retired in 1982 Doug Masters became the new principal. Innovations continued with staggered enrollment for Primary students, student standard test scores remained high and the school received fresh new paint inside and out! The new principal took quite a bit of ribbing for the 'Purple School' and the bright and cheerful rainbow colours in the hallways which perhaps could be considered well ahead of their time. Under his leadership there was always a very positive atmosphere among staff and students. Doug speaks well of the excellent community support and involvement; the diversity in the student body which excelled both in academics and sports. Doug took a great interest in the students and also encouraged school sports. He coached a number of winning soccer and basketball teams, and knew the importance of encouraging others to share the coaching. He came into my Primary classroom one day, told me he'd been asked to coach a high school team and asked if I would consider coaching the boys' soccer team. It wasn't exactly an easy sell, but he was very persuasive and I knew my younger son who was on the team very much wanted to play soccer. We were all delighted that despite my limited coaching skills, the boys' gave their best energy, teamwork and skills and we ended the season with a nail-biter defeating New Ross in penalty kicks to become County Champs! That enabled Doug to coach the Jr High Boys' Team, on which my older son played and they, too, handily won the Regional Championship!

From New Germany, Doug went on to be Principal at Pentz, Newcombsville, and Riverport. Retirement in 2003 gave a different pace and slightly different work with substituting, mentoring and working with school accreditation and supervision.

After retirement they were able to enjoy cruises and trips to a wide variety of places including Hawaii, Spain, Iceland and a special trip to Lithuania. Trudy's grandparents had moved from Lithuania to Canada in 1907 and they were able to connect with relatives there. Trudy and Doug both took part in trips to Slovenia where our school board was invited to share in teaching exchanges, inclusive education training and sports exchanges.

Together Trudy and Doug enjoy their 6 grandchildren. Doug and Trudy love it when former students and parents recognize them and stop to chat when they are out and about. It affirms to them over and over the strengths of our communities and the friendly, caring people here. If you see them don't hesitate to speak (re-introduce yourself if necessary – sometimes students change a bit after 25-30 years, and so do parents). They have lived for many years in West LaHave and are now in the process of moving into Bridgewater.

They've both been involved in volunteer work, Doug with the Food Bank and as an assistant and handy-man with some of Trudy's projects. She has served as Chair of the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore for 8 years and is currently Chair of the newly formed South Shore Hospice Palliative Care Society.

We sat down to chat in mid-August at the newly opened office space of the Palliative Care Society where they both volunteer to provide open office hours. This office space in the Gateway Plaza, Bridgewater (next to Subway) is a place where you can ask questions and find information on how to access help in situations where palliative care is needed for yourself or a family member. Through the generosity of donors and in partnership with the Nova Scotia Health Authority Palliative Care Team, they support and promote compassionate care for individuals and their loved ones who are living with a life-threatening illness. Drop in, visitors are welcomed.

Just as Doug and Trudy have fond memories of their years in our New Germany schools, so do many of us who were colleagues, students, parents, community members and friends.

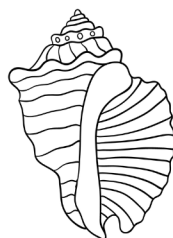
~Submitted to NG Connections by their friend and colleague, Catherine Robar

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Down Memory Lane

Have a look at the young soccer players mentioned in our Reconnecting story on pages 10 and 11. Photos from Bridgewater Bulletin, 1989.



New Germany Elementary boys won the Elementary School Soccer Championship. From left to right back row: John Robar, Bradley Robar, Rocky Eisnor, Craig Saulnier, Jacob Ward, Aaron Eisnor, Duane Whynot; front row: Coach Catherine Robar, Jordan Trethewey, Michael Leitold, Jason Carver, Morgan Gibson, Jesse Hilbert, Shaun Grandy, Adam Trethewey.

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New Germany Junior High boys won the Junior A County Soccer Championship, the Lunenburg/Queens District Soccer Championship and the Western Region Championship. From left to right back row: Linsay Daniels, Andy Veinotte, Stephen Hubley, Scott Doucette and Mark Robar; centre row: Coach Doug Masters, Gary Downes, Matthew Ritcey and Scott Mosher; front row: Chris Zinck, Jason Russell, Jeff Robar and Matthew Mayo.

Pat McKenzie-Porter photo



Catching up is an occasional feature for New Germany Connections. If you know of a graduate who is off on an adventure and wants to share their story, tell them to get in touch. We love to hear their news. We will print as space permits.

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- Get Moving MODL Walking Challenge:** Let's make walking fun! This FREE challenge is for everyone with lots of weekly prizes! **Challenge runs from September 20-November 3.** For information email karen.geddes-selig@modl.ca
- Explore MODL Geocache Challenge:** Discover the parks, trails and hidden gems in MODL that you never knew existed by joining in our Explore MODL Geocaching Challenge. Passports are available at our office. Once completed, return your filled-out passport to get your very own geocoin!

Upcoming Programs:

- Outdoor Paint Night: September 14 from 6:00pm-7:30pm, Indian Falls, Newburne
- Paddle Wile's Lake: September 18 from 1:30pm-3:30pm, Wile's Lake Park, Wileville
- Fairy Lanterns and Houses: September 19 from 2:00pm-3:30pm, River Ridge Common
- Beachcombing & Treasure Hunting: September 22 from 1:30pm-3:00pm, Hirtle's Beach, Kingsburg
- Forest Trail Ride (Bike): September 21 from 9:00am-12:00pm, Bayview Community School
- Adult Multisport: September 22-October 27 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, Locations Vary
- Red Cross Babysitter's Course: September 24 from 9:00am-3:00pm, Mahone Bay Centre
- Natural Artists: September 24 from 1:30pm-3:30pm, LaHave Sunset Park, Conquerall Bank
- Mountain Bike Clinic: September 25 from 10:00am-12:00pm for 8-12 year olds and 1:00pm-3:00pm for ages 13+ (adults included), River Ridge Common**
- Try-It Orienteering: September 25 from 1:30pm-3:30pm, Mahone Bay Centre Soccer Field
- Planning and Packing for a Hike: September 26 from 1:00pm-3:30pm, Hebbville Fire Hall
- Hike Gaff Point: October 2 from 9:00am-12:00pm, Gaff Point, Kingsburg
- Discover Nature in Your Own Backyard: October 3 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, Indian Path Common
- MODL Fall Fest 2021 (55+): October 6 from 1:30pm-4:00pm, Blockhouse Fire Hall
- Hug-A-Tree: October 14 from 5:30pm-6:30pm, Tri District Fire Rescue, Newcombville
- Red Cross Stay Safe! Course: October 16 from 9:00am-1:00pm, West Northfield Community Hall
- Safe Knife and Axe Handling: October 17 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, Barss Corner Community Hall
- Family Pumpkin Party: October 23 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, MARC, Dayspring
- Family Pumpkin Party: October 24 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall
- Bolivar Farms Hike: November 7 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, 5357 Highway 325, Baker Settlement
- Family Campfire: November 14 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, MARC, Dayspring
- Red Cross Babysitter's Course: November 20 from 9:00am-3:00pm, Hebbville Fire Hall
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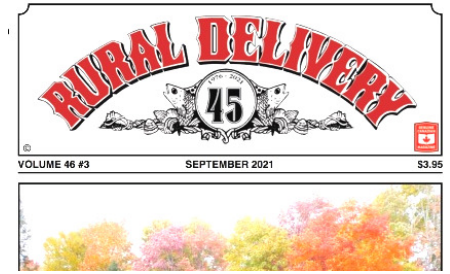
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Rural Delivery turns 45

In the publishing business, many magazines come and go – so the 45th anniversary of *Rural Delivery* makes it something of a venerable institution. When launched in 1976, it was a very modest journalistic endeavor – mostly a vehicle for classified ads that would interest farmers and gardeners, with a few stories and household tips thrown in to round it out. But it soon grew, following in the footsteps of *The Family Herald*, with its aim to entertain and inform all generations of the farm household. Based on the South Shore, it became a full-fledged magazine, published 10 times a year, delivered to subscribers across the Atlantic provinces.



Over the decades, *Rural Delivery* has covered inspiring enterprises in the northern reaches of Lunenburg County, such as the wool-washing bees conducted as part of a fundraising project by the Rosedale New Horizon Senior's Club, and the tremendous volunteer effort that went toward construction of the New Germany and Area Medical Centre. A number of farmers and fabricators in the community have also been featured. Local artist and naturalist Mary Morey is a freelance contributor whose gardening columns and drawings have recently appeared in the magazine.



The editor of *Rural Delivery*, Stanburne resident David Lindsay, was interviewed on CBC Radio this August, and was asked why the magazine continues to find avid readers after all these years. He said it has a lot to do with the focus on how people in the countryside get by, and how they create richness in their lives, living pretty far off the beaten track. The magazine sometimes offers a bit of nostalgia, but there is also a sense of looking forward with optimism and determination. An article about 4-H projects or ox pulls might be followed by a story about new farm technology or the latest research into crop genetics. There are features on ambitious rural entrepreneurs and half-crazed do-it-yourselfers – always conveying respect for people who choose to live in a hands-on way. The content often includes fancy poultry, beekeeping, machinery repair, old-time music, and always recipes – and there's always something to make you smile or snort. If you're curious, check it out at www.RuralLife.ca.

Reconnecting...

Is an occasional feature in Connections where we catch up with former residents of this area. Hope you enjoy our Reconnecting feature this issue on pages 10 & 11.

Do you know someone we might feature? Please get in touch, the contact information is on page 20.



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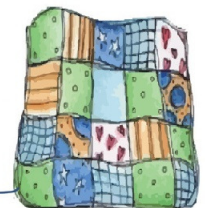
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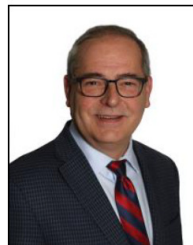
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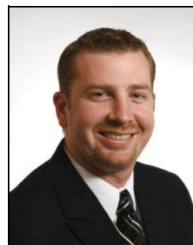
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Introducing Newcomers Will & Vanessa

From Honeymoon to Homestead

~Nancy Radcliffe

WWOOF! That's not a typo, or the sound a dog makes - it's how Will McKeiver and Vanessa Junkin found themselves operating an organic farm in East Dalhousie.

WWOOF stands for World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, formerly known as Willing Workers on Organic Farms. The loose network of national organizations links volunteers with organic farm owners. Hosts provide volunteers with food, lodging and opportunities to learn in exchange for assistance with farming and sustainable living activities.

Will says wwoofing is great way to travel on a limited budget, but it was the learning experience that gave the couple the confidence to abandon well-paid jobs in Sudbury, Ontario and purchase a 71-acre farm on Alton Road in July 2020. They called it Honeywoofers Homestead.

Now that the wwoofer part has been explained, what about the "honey"?

It turns out, honey is short for honeymoon. Yes, the couple spent their honeymoon working on farms in Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Florida. The six-month adventure allowed them to benefit from both modern and timeless wisdom, but they also witnessed some "shameful" farming practices. "We took knowledge from every farm we worked," Will says. The experience strengthened their belief in regenerative agriculture, which Vanessa sums up as prioritizing soil health so they can "leave the land better than when we acquired it."

Will and Vanessa have a knack for weighing failures and successes with equal measure. It's more about the knowledge they gained. Likewise, growing unusual crops and raising nontraditional livestock are sought-after learning experiences. Will enjoys the reactions their unique dragon beans and lemon cucumbers generate at markets in New Germany and East Dalhousie. He admits not everyone is willing to sample new vegetables, but many who have are now coming back for more.

Meanwhile, back at the homestead, three alpacas guard against predators while providing premium manure (higher in N-P-K than that of cows, horses, goats and sheep). The camel-like animals calmly wandered over to the paddock fence to greet me. A few moments later, a gang of strange-sounding, uniquely-hideous large ducks also came to investigate. I don't know if they planned to greet me or guard against me. I didn't get close enough to find out.

The breed is called Muscovy. Traditionally a source of meat, but the birds were chosen primarily for insect control. Muscovies are ravenous consumers of flies, slugs and ticks. They also lay large, tasty eggs and they don't quack, which makes them allies in the quest for "peace and quiet," Vanessa says. "The real catalyst for coming out here was for healing," she adds, explaining that she developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in 2018 as a result of her former career as a paramedic. "Solitude has become priceless," she says, noting Will enjoys the open sky after working in tight quarters as a drone operator in the mining industry.

Both Will and Vanessa are proud to have farming in their blood - each have fond memories of spending time on their grandparents' farms. Vanessa originally hoped to buy her grandparents' farm, but the price was out of reach. "That's okay," she says, "I think my grandmother would be very proud of what we're accomplishing here."



Newcomers Will McKeiver and Vanessa Junkin shown here with their alpacas Nikko and K-Lee.

Community Café

Thursday mornings at St John's Church Hall (5311 Hwy 10) please stop by for coffee or tea, muffins or scones from 9 to 11am. The Community Café happens with the efforts of a team of volunteers, the cooperation of the Anglican Church and is a popular gathering place for all ages. The drinks and treats are free but donations are accepted in support of a variety of community projects and needs. Covid-19 precautions are expected to be followed.

If you'd like to help out with baking, set-up, serving or clean-up, there is a sign up sheet at the Café – many hands make light work and more fun. For more info contact Catherine 902-521-5909. Please join us!



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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Summertime and the living is easy – and this summer we were so happy to be able to do more visiting and connect with old friends and family. We were especially happy to see so many people out shopping at our yard sale in July.

The Lions Club awarded five bursaries to graduating students in June – Haley Myra, Lawrence Rhodenizer, Ashley Rhodenizer, Keith Acker and Jacob Lawlor. These fine students will be pursuing further studies and we wish them well.

Summertime is a time for Lions to have a rest, although we are hoping that the province will be able to lift more of the Covid restrictions so that we can present another dinner theatre in September. The Apple Pie making will take place in October – the date has been moved to October 18, but if there is another change in date, you can check it out on our website. Just Google “New Germany Lions Club”.

The highlight of our summer was the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 to Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson for River Ridge Common. The New Germany & Area Lions pledged \$20,000 to the project when it was first conceived and this was our final installment. Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that River Ridge Common is one of the most used parks in the municipality. If you haven’t seen the latest work you should do so. It is truly unique and a source of pride for the whole municipality. The next project for the park is to add more areas for mountain biking.

We are still collecting hearing aids, sleep apnea machines, eyeglasses and postage stamps (cut a border around the stamps and when you have some saved up call Lion Roger Carver at 902-644-2851). Donations of used clothing and small household items are still accepted at the red bins in front of the Rosedale New Horizons building. We receive a commission for collecting these items and we appreciate your support.

If any member of our many communities requires assistance from the club, call Lion Pat, Health & Welfare Committee, at 902-644-3280. Lion Roger (902-644-2851) can be called for medical aids such as walkers. And don’t forget to buy your Radio Bingo books from local merchants – it’s a great way to support your Lions Club and possibly win some cash by playing on Wednesday evenings.



New Germany & Area Lions enjoyed the play area at the River Ridge Common after presenting a cheque to mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



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New Germany & Area Medical Centre - Final Brick

The final brick was recently placed in the entry way of the New Germany and Area Medical Centre. What began with volunteers continues to be maintained by volunteers.

In 1993 when plans were made to construct the Centre, a fundraising campaign was started so that funds were available to purchase the building supplies. Bill Alexander, charter board member, suggested that bricks be sold by canvassing area residents, alumni and businesses seeking donations of \$100 or more. For every \$100 a donor's name was engraved on a brick. Bricks sold quickly and soon the main lobby wall was completed.

Years later it was decided to add bricks to the entry way which led to the recent completion of the second wall. A total of 733 names are engraved on bricks, which represent a lot of families and businesses who lived and served New Germany and the surrounding communities the past five decades.

Vivian Meisner, charter board member, collected money for the Centre since 1993 and continues to do so. She reported that since the brick campaign closed, she has not received any donations for the Centre. Covid has also impacted the usual amount of money donated to the Centre through memorials. We need to remind area residents that their financial support is not only appreciated but necessary to continue to maintain the building.

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Gary Russell, local mason, offered to return to the Centre to mortar the last 12 rows of bricks. Gary was assisted by his brother Wade, Garnet and Nancy Veinot. (Gary and Garnet in photo)

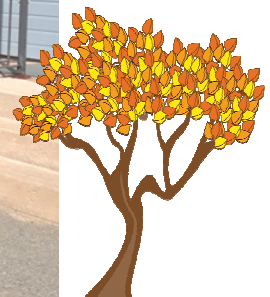


Gary Russell installing the final engraved brick.



Finished wall

Wade Russell mixing mortar





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